

25X1A9a MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA STAFF MEETING, 18 APRIL 1955

PRESENT: [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] reminded those that attended the AAG meetings at Memphis that the usual report to the DD/I must be prepared plus a report on recruitment and interview data. [REDACTED] will each submit by Thursday afternoon a report on the meetings and on the recruitment effort plus any interview data. [REDACTED] will prepare the final report to the DD/I as a joint report.

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2. [REDACTED] handed out draft copies of a "Proposed Role of ORR in the Event of Global War". Comments were requested to be in by early Wednesday morning. Any suggested changes should include a rewrite of that portion.

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3. [REDACTED] asked to see the China NIE outline from GG/F as soon as possible.

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4. [REDACTED] reminded that the PI staff study must be completed as soon as possible.

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5. [REDACTED] commented on a problem brought up at the Memphis meetings concerning the desirability of easier access to government map and document collections by academic geographers. It is evident that we hold at least a few unclassified items that would be of value to academic geographers. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to submit a list of organizations and individuals with the strongest need. [REDACTED] commented that most unclassified items are made available to the Library of Congress at the time we receive them, so the number of items not available at the Library of Congress is probably quite small. [REDACTED] said that we should make as much material as possible available, at least to selected individuals. The problem of public dissemination of unclassified CIA maps was discussed. [REDACTED] commented that the thirty-two sheet series of the USSR might be made available to selected institutions. [REDACTED] indicated that probably not more than 75 copies can be produced on the hand press. [REDACTED] said that he wants a list of key institutions for research on the USSR, Far East, Near East, Eastern Europe, etc.

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NEXT REVIEW DATE: [REDACTED]
AUTH. [REDACTED]
DATE: 11/1/78 REVIEWER: 372044

It was pointed out that we have to be very careful of security aspects. Any map of ours with no publisher indicated would probably be cataloged by the receiving institution as "Published by CIA". It may be possible to have a different name indicated on the map as publisher, and it might be possible to get Security to agree that there is no objection to having an unclassified CIA map distributed and known as a CIA map.

██████████ suggested that a note or a stamp be placed on maps loaned to academic institutions, such as "On Loan From (Library of Congress or the Department of State) Subject to Recall, Not to be Referred to or Copied, For Information Only". It was decided to have an informal meeting with someone from Security.

6. ██████████ suggested that CIA Regulation 50-170, concerning procedures for External Research Projects, be read by Division Chiefs.

7. The DD/I has commented that he found MR-44 very exciting reading and also praised four reports by the Economic Area.

8. ██████████ commented that a letter from the Chief, FI, is expected today or tomorrow, giving the top ten priority cities for the Urban Area Studies Program. Even this reduced program will probably create enough problems that a staff study will be required.

9. The subject of Geographic Area policy on official attendance at meetings was discussed. In connection with the PAIGH meetings it was decided that the greatest value to their job would be derived by ██████████ attending.

It was agreed that in deciding who should attend meetings and conferences, the critical factor has to be the value to the Agency and the value to the individual's job in CIA. ██████████ suggested that cartographers might go to areas where cartographic techniques are worth observing, Western Europe for example. ██████████ suggested that the PAIGH meeting be rotated between D/GC and D/GG. He suggested that there is a definite value to either the cartographer or the geographic analyst in visiting his area of responsibility and keeping in touch with developments. A person from one Division in alternate years would take care of the other Division's interests as well as his own.

10. ██████████ said that he would like a clear statement of the reasons for area familiarization trips so that he could explain to people in his Division. ██████████ concurred in this request.

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25X1A9a [redacted] commented that the type of information put in D/GG reports is in many cases not available in books and intelligence reports or other sources and must be based on personal area knowledge. [redacted] said that there is a lack of communication in the Area as to the basis for decisions and plans. It was suggested that staff studies on area familiarization trips be circulated to the Divisions.

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25X1A9a 13. [redacted] commented on his revised draft of a guide to selection of marginal-type map materials. It now covers more than the Soviet orbit and eliminates the OO/C record-copy problem. 25X1A9a [redacted] will route a copy of the draft to each Division Chief for review.

25X1A9a 14. [redacted] commented that for the first time he now has an over-encumbered slot with the arrival of [redacted] who is on [redacted] slot. 25X1A9a

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25X1A5a 16. [redacted] commented that the USGS man in Burma, Mr. Hardin, is back in this country, and [redacted] will arrange for his debriefing. [redacted] also commented that [redacted] now at the Navy Photo Interpretation Center is available for debriefing. As a student he travelled recently for three months in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia by bicycle. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

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17. [REDACTED] showed some ACIC materials on requirements procedures in setting up new charts.

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18. [REDACTED] reported that six American companies want to participate in the International Comparative Mapping Test scheduled in France. The American Society of Photogrammetry will obtain photography from Paris. [REDACTED] may be the middle man on the loan of photography.

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19. [REDACTED] reported on a desirable device for copying photo negatives. It costs \$2,400, and TSS/DD/P would be willing to pay for it for the use of D/GP. This would have to be checked with Reproduction.

20. The Thirty-sixth Meeting of the American Geophysical Union will be held here in Washington at the NRC Building 2 to 4 May 1955.

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21. [REDACTED] reported a rumor from ACIC, St. Louis, that the USSR 1:100,000 mapping program has been completed for the entire USSR.

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22. [REDACTED] commented that the ASP is still awaiting State Department decision as to whether subscriptions to Photogrammetric Engineering should be made available to nine Soviet bookstores that have requested subscriptions.

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